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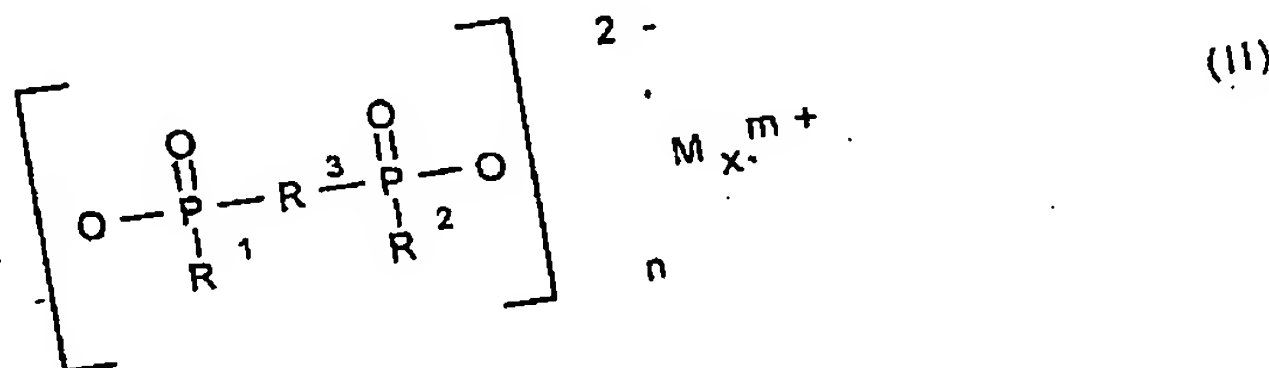
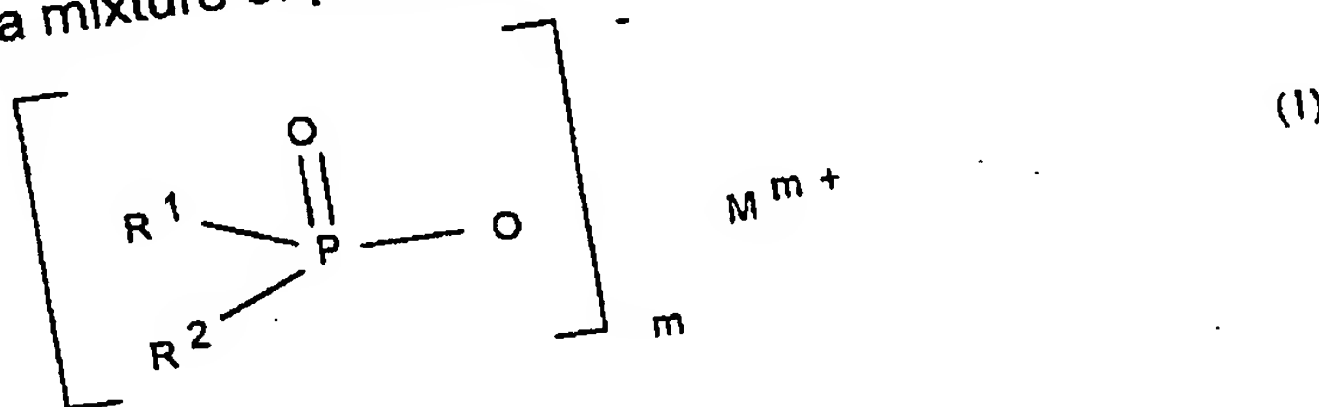
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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, comprising an organophosphorus flame retardant component, and at least one dust-reduction additive, wherein the at least one dust reduction additive is non-aqueous, and wherein the dust-reduction additive comprises alkylalkoxylates having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms and from 1 to 80 EO units per mole of alcohol, wherein ~~the pulverulent flame-retardant composition does not contain a polymeric molding compound prior to adding the pulverulent flame-retardant composition to a molding composition.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organophosphorus flame-retardant component is selected from the group consisting of a phosphinic salt of the formula (I) a diposphinic salt of the formula (II), a polymer of formula (I), a polymer of formula (II), and a mixture of polymers of formula (I) and (II),



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where

R^1 and R^2 are identical or different and are C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, linear or branched, or aryl;

R^3 is C_1 - C_{10} -alkylene, linear or branched, C_6 - C_{10} -arylene, -alkylarylene, or -arylalkylene;

M is Mg, Ca, Al, Sb, Sn, Ge, Ti, Zn, Fe, Zr, Ce, Bi, Sr, Mn, Li, Na, K, and a protonated nitrogen base;

m is from 1 to 4;

n is from 1 to 4;

x is from 1 to 4.

3. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein M is calcium, aluminum or zinc.

4. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 are identical or different and are C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, linear or branched, or phenyl.

5. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 are identical or different, and are methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, or phenyl.

6. through 20. (Cancelled)

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21. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, which has a median particle size of from 0.1 to 1 000 μm .

22. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, having an average bulk density of from 80 to 800 g/l.

23. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of amount of dust-reduction additive to that of organophosphorus flame-retardant component is from 1:99 to 1:4.

24. through 39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level as claimed in claim 1, which has a median particle size of from 1 to 100 μm .

41. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level as claimed in claim 1, having an average bulk density of from 200 to 700 g/l.

42. (Previously Presented) The pulverulent flame-retardant composition with low dust level, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of amount of dust-reduction additive to that of organophosphorus flame-retardant component is from 1:99 to 1:19.